

BEST AFTER GRAD 2013 - GENERAL INFO

WHAT IS AFTER GRAD?

Building on a tradition that began the first year Dr. Charles Best became a high school, the parents of Grade 12 students sponsor **AFTER GRAD**, a fun, safe, alcohol & drug free event that takes place immediately following the Graduation dinner/dance.

WHEN IS THIS YEAR'S AFTER GRAD?

The 2013 graduation dinner/dance is on Saturday, June 15th. The **AFTER GRAD** begins immediately thereafter.

WHERE IS IT HELD?

We voted to stick with tradition and host the After Grad on a cruise ship, but this year we're sailing on the Magic Spirit, which will depart from the Westin Bayshore, closer to the Grad dinner/dance venue. The Grads will board the ship at 12:30 a.m. and set sail at 1:00 a.m. for a three hour starlit tour of the harbour. Entertainment is currently being booked and typically includes:

- a DJ
- tattoo artists
- casino games
- a tarot card reader
- a psychic
- food

After the cruise the Grads are bussed back to Dr. Charles Best for breakfast put on by the parents.

HOW MUCH ARE THE TICKETS?

Tickets prices are not yet determined and are subject to how much money is raised. In past years the tickets have sold for \$35-45, but you can help keep the costs down by contributing your time, energy and donations to **AFTER GRAD**. No Grad will be turned away for being unable to afford a ticket; please contact the school's office for more info.

WHAT DO THE TICKETS INCLUDE?

Everything! One ticket buys a Grad a full night of **AFTER GRAD** fun, food and a chance to win some great prizes.

HOW MUCH ARE WE FUNDRAISING?

The sky's the limit! In previous years the After Grad committee has raised about \$30,000 for this event, which covers the cost of the cruise, entertainment on board, busses back to the school, breakfast and prizes, which are raffled off to participants, typically at the breakfast.

HOW ARE FUNDS RAISED?

Through donations and fundraising events. Past fundraisers have included Race chipping, Pub Nights, Bottle Drives, Cookie & Bake Sales and a Grand Raffle, among others. Suggestions and participants are welcome!

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HOW THIS COMMITTEE WORKS:

Andrea & Nadine will manage overall communication & organization and offer help where needed. Individual committees will take on the responsibility of managing and organizing each fundraiser, purchasing prizes, decorating, etc.

COMMUNICATION:

The After Grad committee is only able to contact people who have volunteered their email addresses so we need your help getting the word out. Please forward our communication to anyone you think would be interested in participating and include your kids! To contact After Grad Chairs Andrea Joyce or Nadine Rowat, email bestaftergrad2013@gmail.com or send a message via our Facebook page Charles Best After Grad 2013.

WHEN ARE THE AFTER GRAD MEETINGS?

All meetings will be held in the library on the 2nd floor at 7 p.m.

Future meetings will be:

- Wednesday, November 7th 2012
- Wednesday, December 5th
- Wednesday, January 9th, 2013
- Wednesday, February 6th
- Thursday, March 7th
- Wednesday, April 10th
- Tuesday, May 7th
- Wednesday, May 29th

WHO CAN ATTEND THE MEETINGS?

Anyone who wants to participate! Grade 12 students, their parents, friends, family, other Dr. Charles Best students – the more the merrier!

CAN YOU GET A TAX RECEIPT FOR YOUR DONATION?

Absolutely! Please advise at the time you make your donation.

CAN STUDENTS GET VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR PARTICIPATING IN AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISING?

Yes! Volunteer hours will be given to any student (Grade 9 -12) who has signed in and helps. Even an hour or two helps a lot. Email bestaftergrad2013@gmail.com to sign up.

WHAT IF I CAN'T DO WHAT I SAID I'D DO?

We know you have lives and unexpected things can happen, so if you're unable to do what you said you'd do, ***please let Andrea & Nadine know as soon as possible*** so we can find someone else to help in order to keep things on track.

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SIGN UP NOW:

We want you! We need you! Sign up for any of the following committees by emailing the Chair listed below or Andrea or Nadine at bestgrad2013@gmail.com. You can also donate the items needed.

COMMITTEE	WHEN	WHAT'S NEEDED
DONATION PROCUREMENT Chair: Tamara Randall just4tamara@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing throughout the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash, product or gift card donations
PUB NIGHTS & FAMILY EVENTS Chair: Jodi Bartlett jodi_bartlett@telus.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall 2012 through Spring 2013 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prizes/gifts to raffle off Bottles of wine or other alcohol Graphic design & ticket printing services Baskets & cellophane
GRAND RAFFLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing; Grand Raffle prize usually awarded at final assembly in early June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial prizes Bottles of wine or other alcohol to include in baskets Graphic design & ticket printing services
RACE CHIPPING Chair: Sumo Kindersley sumo@cs.sfu.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2012 is booked so all dates will be in 2013 Dates T.B.A. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliable staplers, refill staples and small scissors New cases of juice, pop New, unopened cookies, snacks Movie tickets, gift cards in small amounts (\$5-20) for Subway, Starbucks, etc.
BOTTLE DRIVE Chair: Karolina May karolina.shawn@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday, January 12th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents and students to help bring bottles to the school, sort and package them
PRIZE PURCHASING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As money is received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to secure reduced prices for prizes
GIFT WRAPPING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing for Pub Nights May/June for prizes & Grand Raffle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty baskets in good condition Rolls of cellophane, wrapping supplies, ribbon
GYM DECORATING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T.B.A.
SMILE CARDS Chair: Louise Hoffart LQuenneville61@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up your Smile Card at the office, use it when you shop at Thrifty's and they'll donate 5% of your purchases to our After Grad
BREAKFAST Chair: Ron Coulson coulson3110@shaw.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing throughout the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food & beverage donations
CLEAN UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T.B.A.
THANK YOU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May/June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you cards

Thanks to all the AFTER GRAD supporters and participants!